

BOARD OF MADISON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
July 24, 2006 MINUTES

On Monday, July 24, 2006, a meeting of the Board of Madison County Commissioners came to order at 10:00 AM, with Commissioners Ted Coffman, David Schulz and Frank Nelson present.

David Schulz moved to approve the July 17, 2006, minutes with corrections. Frank Nelson seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Those present at the meeting were Lewis Stahl, Marilyn Ross, Frank Colwell, Doris Fischer, Karen Brown, Julie Dewey, Kraig Pester, and Jim Jarvis.

Lewis Stahl and Marilyn Ross, District 2 Commissioner Candidates, were present to observe the meeting.

Homestead Major Subdivision Final Plat: Doris Fischer, Planner, and Frank Colwell, Headwaters Development, presented the Board with the final plat of Homestead Major Subdivision. This subdivision will create 29 single family residential lots on 148 acres East of Sheridan. Doris stated that all conditions have been met and recommended approval. David Schulz moved to approve the final plat of Homestead Major Subdivision in the West Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 25 and the East Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 26, Township 4 South, Range 5 West. Frank Nelson seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Also discussed was the method of installation of dry hydrants for fire protection.

E-911 Update: Doris Fischer, Planner, Karen Brown, GIS/IT, and Julie Dewey, Grant Writer, met with the Board to discuss the status of the E-911 project. Doris gave an overview of the progress of the project and stated that they scheduled to "go live" in the second week of August, except the areas served by Quest and the Big Sky area. Doris will write a press release notifying residents of the status of the project. Karen Brown discussed printing bids and the costs of Atlases being printed in black and white versus color. Julie Dewey updated the Board on the progress of the signs project. Because Karen is trying to get GPSing done and new computers are ready to be installed, she requested a short term person be hired to help with installing the new computers. David Schulz moved to hire Rob Sidle to assist in computer installation for a short period of time on an emergency basis. Frank Nelson seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Public Discussion: Kraig Pester, Tractor and Equipment, met with the Board to discuss road graders.

Building Project: The Board discussed the status of the building project in a telephone conversation with Rick Schlenker of SMA. Some of the topics discussed were the response to the plans for the Law and Justice center at the Virginia City Council meeting, future meetings with the Town of Virginia City and HPAC, revision of the floor plans for the existing courthouse, and a schedule for developing a projected budget for the project.

Public Discussion: Jim Jarvis, Town of Virginia City, met with the Board to discuss the Interim Executive Director Position with the Montana Heritage Commission that is being vacated by Jeff Tiberi. Jim stated that he is applying for the position and would appreciate the support of the Board. The Board will write a letter supporting Jim for this position.

Public Discussion: The Board discussed the status of the upcoming 4-H sale in a telephone conversation with Steve Siegelin, Western Regional Director MSU Extension Service. Steve stated that all parties involved met last week and the sale will be run by the new council. Funds from the old committee will be disbursed and all issues were agreed on and should be resolved.

Victims Witness Advocacy Grant: Frank Nelson moved to accept the Grant Award from the State of Montana Board of Crime Control for the Victim Witness Advocacy Program Subgrant #06-V01-82202, in the amount of \$30,000.00, for the purpose of crime victim assistance, effective July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. David Schulz seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Fire Restrictions: The Board discussed fire restrictions. The Board will get information from other agencies at the Interagency Coordinating Group meeting on Thursday, July 27, 2006, before determining when to impose restrictions.

Petition for Road Opening: The Board discussed a petition to open Two Bumps Road beginning at Highway 287 to its end and Depot Road beginning at Highway 287 to where it connects with Two Bumps Road. The Board will conduct a public hearing on August 17, 2006, at 1:00 PM, in the Madison County Courthouse, to hear public comments regarding this petition and a petition to create a road maintenance district in the same area.

Forest Payment Designation: Pursuant to Public Law 106-393, David Schulz moved to dedicate 20% of Forest Reserve Payments to Title II. Frank Nelson seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Nursing Homes Administration: The Board discussed the administrator position for the Ruby Valley Hospital and the Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center. David Schulz moved to continue to cooperate with the Ruby Valley Hospital for administrative services from Randy Cambridge for a total annual salary of \$100,000, with Madison County being responsible for 45% and Ruby Valley Hospital being responsible for 55%, effective August 16, 2006. Frank Nelson seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Stop Loss Medical Insurance Application: Frank Nelson moved to approve the application for excess loss reinsurance from American National Insurance Company, contract number IOA-746650-06, effective July 1, 2006 to July 1, 2007, for stop loss insurance to be administered by Boulder Administration Services. David Schulz seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.

C. Ted Coffman, Chairman
Board of Madison County Commissioners

Date Approved: July 31, 2006
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